(*d*) No such consent is seen to have been given. Only an estimate for the work was prepared.

(*e*) The work was considered unnecessary on further investigation.

(*f*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) There is no direct obstruction preventing the free flow in the channel, as the Kalyani is situated below the wells.

Though the land was acquired and award passed, the parties have not taken the amount and parted with the lands.

MR. M. R. SIVAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a separate place has been set apart for the sale of cocoanuts in the Tiptur Municipality ;

(*b*) of how many rupees are the weights used in weighing copra ; whether the balance (Chintalu) used at present is of the same weight in all places ; whether they have ever examined the weights and measures which are in use there ;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the daily fluctuation in prices works as a hardship to the raiyat population ;

(*d*) whether it is true that there is a difference of Rs. 4 or Rs. 5 between the buying and selling rates ;

(*e*) whether they are aware of the hardship caused to the raiyats every day on account of the monopoly of the trade by a few merchants ;

(*f*) on what principle a profit of 10 per cent and another 10 or 12 for every cart-load of cocoanuts is being taken free ;

(*g*) whether it is justifiable to recover six annas in the shape of 10—12 cocoanuts while only two annas is recovered as municipal tax on a cart-load of 100 cocoanuts ;

(*h*) on what basis the sale of cocoanuts is held ;

(*i*) whether it has come to their notice that, in the sale of a heap of 1,000 cocoanuts, the price of the first 500 is taken at Rs. 40, the remaining 500 at Rs. 25 and 50 to 100 cocoanuts are left out in counting ;

(*j*) whether it has come to their notice that, in addition to six pies that is recovered as commission on the amount that the raiyat gets, another 6 pies is also recovered in the shape of charity and profit thus aggregating to one anna in the rupee and that this will not only amount to great dishonour to the raiyat but also to show that he holds no equal status ; whether it is possible from this to find out the loss sustained by the thousands of poor raiyats on account of the monopolised trade by a few persons ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. E. Noronha).—

A.—20. (*a*) to (*j*) The marketing survey of the cocoanut industry in the State, recently conducted by the Department of Industries and Commerce, has disclosed the existence of several of the drawbacks complained of in these questions and it is hoped that the establishment of a regulated market for this industry under the Mysore Agricultural Markets Act will facilitate the adoption of uniform weights, weighment by scales, fixation of prices in the open market, etc., and remedy the present undersirable trade practices and improve

the existing conditions of trade. The question of establishing such a market is under consideration.

MR. MAYI GOWDA (T. Narsipur Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

with reference to the announcement made during the last Dasara Session of the Assembly in October 1939, in reply to question No. 20 (*a*) and (*b*) that an estimate would be prepared for the construction of a *voddu* across the Cauvery at Bannur—

(*a*) whether the estimate has been got prepared and, if so, the amount of the estimate;

(*b*) whether an estimate would be prepared for the construction of a *pucca* bridge, if necessary;

(*c*) whether it is possible to provide the required amount for the above estimate in the current year's budget;

(*d*) whether they would agree to raise a debenture loan for the construction of the said bridge and clear the loan by the levy of tolls near the bridge ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. N. Sarabhoja). –

A.—22. (*a*) A regular estimate is not yet ready. The work will roughly cost Rs. 40,000.

(*b*) In view of the Cauvery bridge near T. Narsipur, a *pucca* bridge here is considered not necessary.

(*c*) The work has to be financed by the District Board.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of reply to clause (*b*).

MESSRS. N. Bhogi MALLIAH and H. P. BASAPPA (Heggadadevankote Taluk); G MALLANNA (Mysore Taluk); B. CHANNAPPA (Krishnarajanagar Taluk); *Rao Sahib* M RAMASWAMY (Mysore City Municipality); M. N. MAHANTHADEVARU (T.-Narsipur Taluk): K. C. SUBBANNA (Gundlupet Taluk); and M. S. BASAVANNADEVARU (Yelandur Jahgir).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the Government grant for the Hangala Water Supply in the Gundlupet Taluk;

(*b*) the capacity of the reservoir;

(*c*) the number of taps in the village;

(*d*) the population of the village;

(*e*) the average consumption per head per day;

(*f*) whether there were not petitions complaining against this scheme and praying for deepening the existing wells ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rão).—

A.—24. (*a*) No grant was given by the Government towards this scheme.

(*b*) 800 gallons.

(*c*) Seven.

(*d*) 2,149 (according to the 1931 Census).

(*e*) About 3 gallons. But, there are also other wells near the tank bed which have a plentiful supply of water.